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State Provides Assistance to Areas Affected by Cold Weather

BATON ROUGE (January 13, 2010) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) as well as other state agencies have dispatched resources and personnel to assist parish emergency preparedness directors and residents in response to recovery efforts as a result of the extreme cold weather.

As a result of busted pipes and low water pressure, these parishes also declared a local State of Emergency: Ascension, Assumption, LaSalle, Madison, Red River, Sabine, St. James, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Union and Webster.

"As always, we will assist these parishes any way we can," says GOHSEP Director Mark Cooper. "We also want to remind the citizens of Louisiana to be prepared for any hazard by having some extra supplies on hand and stay aware of what's going on."

To date, GOHSEP has provided:

- 32 pallets of bottled water to Ascension Parish
- 22 pallets of bottled water to Assumption Parish
- 16 pallets of bottled water to Madison Parish
- 6 pallets of bottled to Red River Parish
- 22 pallets of bottled water to Sabine Parish
- 4 pallets of bottled water to Tensas Parish
- 30 pallets of bottled water to Tangipahoa Parish
- 5 pallets of bottled water to Webster Parish

A pallet consists of 1,738 (.5) liter bottles of water.

The Louisiana National Guard (LANG) is providing:

- One 5000 gallon water trailer to LaSalle Parish

- One 5000 gallon water trailer to Tensas Parish
- A 400 gallon water tanker for Donaldsonville in Ascension Parish
- Two 400 gallon water tankers to Madison Parish
- One 5000 gallon tanker to Madison Parish
- Four 400 gallon water trailers to Red River Parish

GOHSEP's Crisis Action Team (CAT) continues to monitor the situation. GOHSEP personnel are located in all affected areas to assist residents and local emergency response officials.

On Tuesday, Governor Bobby Jindal declared a State of Emergency for all of Louisiana as a result below freezing temperatures.

The GOHSEP urges everyone to protect themselves and their homes from freezing temperatures. For more information, go to www.getagameplan.org.

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